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U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal

Security Precautions

February 10, 2011

Mauritanian authorities on February 5 captured members of Al-Qaeda in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) near the Senegal/Mauritania border. This occurred following attempted AQIM bombings on February 2 in Nouakchott.

While there is a distinct border between Senegal and Mauritania, the border is porous and the opportunity for such terrorist incidents to occur in that area exists. We warn U.S. Citizens traveling to or residing in the northern region of Senegal, specifically along the Senegal River, which delineates the border between Mauritania and Senegal, to exercise caution and to take appropriate steps to increase their situational awareness.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Dakar web site. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the call center for updates: 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or outside the United States and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy Dakar is located at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. In emergencies and for urgent security matters, you can call the Embassy switchboard at (221) 33 829-2100; the emergency after-hours telephone is: 33-829-2109. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to consulardakar@state.gov.